

At the present moment Dr. Rutland has chiefly the benefit of the British soldier in view. The Vee fasteners will enable him to dispense entirely with the tape on his puttees, for which purpose they can be obtained in bronze colour. When the Germans take prisoners, one of their first proceedings is to cut the braces of their captives. With a few easily carried large size Vee fasteners, a prisoner can take a reef in his nether garments which will hold them up effectually and securely.

In cases of hæmorrhage the Vee fastener will keep the tourniquet absolutely secure and taut. They are made curved, especially for the wrist,

#### DIRECTIONS.

1. Insert the Pin by threading either point through the end of the Bandage, as shown in the illustration.



2. Draw the bandage as tight as may be desired, hold the Pin with finger and thumb and insert left-hand point in the material, as indicated.



3. Now press the sides of the Clip together and insert the right-hand point. Release the pressure, and the Pin automatically falls into position and holds the Bandage safely and securely.



4. To remove the Pin press the points towards each other.

so that they will lie flat on the dressing. Another point about the fastener is that it cannot scratch. Not only from a military and nursing point of view will this extremely adaptable invention be welcome, for it can efficiently replace the safety pin for dress and toilet purposes. The fasteners are obtainable in various sizes from Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, Wigmore Street, London, W.

As Dr. Rutland states in his letter on page 262, he will be glad to send trial supplies to surgeons, nurses, and others having wounded soldiers in their care, on application to him at 2, Weymouth Court, London, W. 1.

#### NURSING ECHOES.

Nurses acquainted with conditions "down East" are full of sympathy for the little children on whose nervous systems the "terror by night" is having a disturbing effect. Attention has been drawn by the Secretary of a Care Committee of an East End school in a frequently raided area to the fact that several children under her supervision are likely to develop permanent heart and nerve weakness unless they are sent immediately away for rest. Contributions for these appealing cases are invited by the Friends of the Poor, 40-42, Ebury Street, S.W. 1.

The Rev. Staunton Batty, South Hackney Rectory, E. 9, is also appealing to those living in the country to arrange for young children from the London "Front" to be accommodated for a fortnight, commencing October 23rd. He promises to send carefully selected children, preference being given to those whose fathers are in the trenches. Fares will be paid and a small payment if absolutely necessary. Contributions will be gratefully received. Nurses who are able to bring this way of helping little children, and relieving their mothers of anxiety, to the notice of those able to give practical assistance will be doing useful work.

A public meeting is being held on St. Luke's Day, in the Small Central Hall, Westminster, on behalf of the Ranyard Mission, with Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., M.S., F.R.C.S., in the chair.

The objects of the Mission are to provide (1) Trained Mission Workers, and (2) Fully Trained District Nurses, both for the London area.

The speakers include the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, the Rev. Canon Gedge, Sir Arthur Downes, M.D., and Miss Irene Hett, the Hon. Secretary.

The excellent work of this Mission is well known, and deserves liberal support. District nurses deserve high praise for "carrying on" during the past three years. In many cases one nurse has had to do the work where two or even three would have been supplied in peacetime, and no decorations or rewards come along to stimulate their efforts. In these days of short rations and high prices, they may be said, generally speaking, to be working all for love and nothing for reward.

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